

FORTY-FIRST YEAR.

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QUOTATIONS ON  
FARM PRODUCTS

COUNTY AGENT KEEPS FARMERS ADVISED ON MARKET CONDITIONS.

## HOG CHOLERA HERE

Warning Issued Relative to Hog Cholera. Club Work Is Making Much Progress.

Cooperative shipping of livestock and other farm products is still active in this county. A car load of hogs will go from here to the St. Louis market tomorrow, (Monday) and a car of poultry is scheduled for shipment Wednesday of this week. Mr. Paul L. Wells, county demonstration agent, acting in behalf of the Lowndes County Co-operative Shipping Association.

For the information of the many farmers throughout the county who often ship their products in this way, Mr. Wells is quoting each week in the Dispatch prices on cattle, hogs, poultry and other farm commodities. Prices that will be received for the poultry are: hens and ducks 27 cts. per pound; cockerels 15 cts.; geese 20 cts.; turkeys 30 cts.; and guinea fowls will bring 25 cts. a pound. These prices are f. o. b. the Southern depot in this city.

The best grade of hogs in the shipment this week will bring about \$15.50 per hundred on the car at the local station with smaller and lower grade ranging from \$12 to \$15 per hundred.

The cattle market is on the decline at present, according to reports received by the agent, and only the best grade of beef type heifers and steers are in demand. These are worth only about \$5.50 per hundred.

In speaking of hogs Mr. Wells calls attention to the fact that cholera is now raging among the hogs in the country with disastrous results and advocates that all owners of hogs have their stock vaccinated at once as a preventative of infection of the disease.

Now is the time to begin preparations for planting the early crop of Irish potatoes, says Mr. Wells. The old crop that has always been held in competition with the new crop will be exhausted by the time the new crop comes in so there is a good Every farmer should plant, if not a large crop, at least an adequate supply for himself with some for sale, he says.

Renewed activity in the boys' pig clubs is planned for the next few weeks. Mr. Kerlin, the state agent for the pig club work, will be in the county soon and he and Mr. Wells will go all over the county stimulating this progressive and profitable work.

Quite a few farmers have requested phosphate and, while he has not all of a car listed and sold, the agent has ordered a car and requests that those desiring a quantity see

COLLEGE NAME  
CHANGE FAVORED

Bill Introduced in Legislature By Mr. Johnston Meets With Cordial Favor By Members.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 23.—So far only approving comment on the plan represented by the pending bill of Senator Johnston of Lowndes, which is before the Senate Committee on universities and colleges, to change the name of the sterling institution at Columbus, on the Tombigbee, known and loved by hundreds of its alumni as "I. I. and C.," is heard. The bill itself is simple in terms and brief in phrase, and does not involve any constitutional entanglements. It proposes to amend section 2523, chapter 66, of the Mississippi code of 1906 by striking out the words "Mississippi Industrial Institute and College," as used in the incorporating act of March 12, 1884, and in lieu thereof to substitute "Mississippi State College for Women."

One of the most potent agencies which is at work in favor of the change is that splendid student body, the faculty and alumni, who have joined upon the lawmakers early and prompt attention to this matter.

In view of the fact that in the town of Columbia in the piney woods of Marion County, which is quite as venerable as its sister municipality upstate, there is another kind of "industrial institute," of more recent creation, which is the state institution for handling and training of refractory, abandoned and delinquent juveniles, established under an act of 1919 confusion as to the two has frequently arisen. This confusion has brought embarrassment to either the one or the other of the two schools or those connected with them, to such extent as to give rise to the movement out of which has grown the Johnston "State College for Women" bill.

The name as quoted in the opening section of the code chapter pertaining to the college over which Dr. Henry Whitfield presides so ably and effectively occurs only in that one paragraph, and the proposed act of 1920 for all its statewide significance, will probably be the one of the shortest in the sheet acts to be published this year.

Mr. C. H. Ayres, cashier of the Columbus National Bank, returned the past week from a business trip to New Orleans.

He is also completing the listing of a car of nitrate of soda which will be ordered from New Orleans at a cost of \$68 per ton plus freight charges. He expects to place the order soon and those desiring this valuable land improver are requested to list their needs with him.

The office of the county agent was moved last Wednesday from 508 College street to the place formerly occupied by Sherrod's grist mill near the M. & O. Depot.

REVEL IN LUXURY  
OF TROPICAL FRUIT

When Car of Oranges and Grape Fruit Smash Up in Wreck.

Many citizens of Columbus and vicinity, mostly colored and between the ages of eight and eighteen—but not altogether—reveled in the luxury of dining on grape fruit for the first time last Tuesday. Because, you see, one of the cars of the eight in that wreck on the M. & O. trestle a mile east of the station early that morning had been full of grape fruit. Another contained oranges and both oranges and grape fruit were scattered by the thousands over the ground and in ditches along the bridge. At first no effort was made to prevent carrying off of this fruit so early arrivals filled pockets, hats, paper bags, cloth bags, and anything else available, full of this golden, luscious fruit. Of course every urchin, black or white, all sizes, had no trouble enjoying the oranges but when it came to grape fruit—well, it was decidedly different with some of them. A lanky negro girl about 16 years old was observed in an effort to devour hurriedly the "big orange" she had gotten. She drilled a hole in the end of it with a stick and proceeded to take a big, long, delicious suck at the rich juice inside. Incredible amazement broke out all over her face as the bitter peel came in contact with her taste. Then she would take a look at her grapefruit, turn it over and cautiously taste again. Then there were other experiences of this kind until the railroad officials prevented the taking of the fruit.

RECKLESS DRIVERS  
IN MAYOR'S COURT

Speeding, reckless driving and gaming were charges against culprits who had to face Mayor McClanahan in Police Court Friday morning. Other activities of the local police include the running down of two negroes for stealing, one of which was caught in Jackson through the efforts of Chief Cook.

The theft business occurred at the camp of a road construction gang on the Tuscaloosa road above the water works. Mr. Bookout, in charge of the construction, reported to the police that two of his hands, Robert Smith and Avery Smith, colored, had departed from his crew with a shotgun, some harness, bridges, lines, etc., that did not belong to them. Chief Cook found where they had tried to dispose of the stolen property here and telephoned to the police at Jackson after learning that the negroes had previously lived there. The Chief of Police in that city notified Chief Cook that one of them had been apprehended and Officer J. A. Morton left Friday for Jackson and will return today with at least one of them, if not both.

George Robinson was arrested by Captain Hudson on College Street Thursday for speeding and fined \$5 in the police court Friday.

Ernest Cannon was another who stepped on the throttle a little too hard, officer Morton hailing him as he tooted 'em up along Seventh avenue and trotted him up before His Honor. "\$7.50," says the judge, adding quickly "—and costs."

Reckless driving along Main street was the charge registered against Robert Malone, whom officer Lawrence arrested Thursday. He was warned that inasmuch as Main street was only half as wide as it should be, due to the building of concrete streets, it was very necessary to be careful with autos in that highway. Not easily forgotten, the court gave him a choice of paying a fine of \$5.00 or serving ten days in jail. The city treasury was increased \$5.00.

Another good old game where the ivories clicked music to the ears of a trio of colored citizens was busted up Thursday night.

Sam Ervin, Ed Hoskin and Jeff Hood were all huddled around a table in a cafe down near the M. & O. depot when officer Wood sweetly informed them that the Judge wanted to see them. The next "music" was Friday morning as each paid \$5.00 across the desk in clinking silver coin.

Rev. R. S. Gavin, pastor of the First Baptist, was called yesterday to Chicora, Miss., to the bedside of his brother, Mr. Lute Gavin, who is critically ill. Rev. Gavin's friends join in the hope that his brother may recover.

STREET CAR LINE  
IS ABANDONED

COMPANY THROWS UP FRANCHISE AND LINES ARE ABANDONED.

## WILL SELL OUTFIT

Line Was Non-Revenue Producing And Liability On Company—Promise Better Service at Lower Rates

The expected has happened. The past week the Columbus Railway Light and Power Company decided to abandon street car service in Columbus and throw up its trolley line franchise.

The throwing up of the car line franchise does not in any way affect the contract the company has with the city for furnishing light and gas utilities.

Mr. R. B. Claggett, of Greenville, general manager of the company, came to Columbus the past week and made final arrangements for the closing of the car service. The service had been abandoned several days ago when work of taking up certain lines was undertaken.

It is understood that the car line equipment will be sold, and so far as the company is concerned the abandonment of the service is permanent.

Mr. Claggett, general manager of the company issued the following statement:

The Columbus, Railway, Light and Power Co., like hundreds of other properties in small cities, notably Jackson and Natchez, in this state, which are already in the hands of receivers, was confronted with two propositions as a solution of the dilemma it finds itself in as a result of the increased costs of all elements entering into the operations of its holdings here. One course was a receiver of all its franchises and properties here. The other the surrender of its car line franchise, the dismantling of its system of cars and lines, selling the same and applying the proceeds toward the reduction of its bonded indebtedness. At a meeting of the stockholders in Memphis the Columbus situation was the subject of an exhaustive investigation and the latter course was agreed upon as the best solution of our troubles.

Permission of all stockholders and bondholders was asked and it has been agreed to by all of the large holders in this and other cities and the car line will be discontinued, its equipment sold and, the proceeds of the sale deposited with the trustees of the bonds to be applied for the benefit of all bondholders. In this way our bonded indebtedness will be reduced, the loss of revenue through the operation of the system will be saved and the light and gas systems will be safeguarded with better service assured and lower rates promised if no increased cost of operation is incurred.

Our company regrets the course it has been forced to pursue. Lack of patronage due to the ever increasing use of the automobile has caused the car line to be run at a tremendous loss and necessitated its discontinuance. Financial ruin stared us in the face if the present situation continued. Never a paying proposition under normal conditions, under the increased lining and operating scale the maintenance of the car line was steadily impairing the financial integrity of all our properties. Our solution here is similar to the hundreds of smaller cities where properties are in the hands of receivers and whose car line franchises have been surrendered. We hope that the people of Columbus, whose generous support and good will has been extended us at all times will agree in this arrangement and will endorse this move for the protection of our properties and the improvement of the other branches of our service.

## COTTON MARKET.

Cotton is still jumping up and down in little jumps, so it may safely be said that the price is remaining steady, ranging around 40 cents for the past few days. The price at the close of the market yesterday was 40 cents per pound for good middling grade.

Mr. and Mrs. John Polerones of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, are among the visitors in the city. Mr. Polerones was formerly connected with the Bell Cafe.

WANTS CONSOLIDATION OF ALL  
COLLEGES, INCLUDING I. I. AND C.

Representative Sheldon, of Washington county and a former Republican Governor of Nebraska, has introduced a resolution in the Legislature providing for the appointment of a committee to consider the matter of consolidating all of the State colleges, and merging them into a great State University at Jackson.

The resolution includes the I. I. and C., in this city, the University of Mississippi, the A. and M. and the State Normal College at Hattiesburg.

Under the resolution provision is made for the holding up of the work of the appropriations committee until the committee makes its investigation and reports its findings to the Legislature.

The resolution is the most radical proposition that has ever been presented to the Legislature affecting educational institutions. A movement is on foot in Jackson now in the Legislature and by citizens of Jackson to have the University of Mississippi moved to Jackson whether the Sheldon plan goes through or not.

CENSUS COUNT  
CLOSES TUESDAY

Work Of Counting City's Population Is Coming To Close.

Census enumerators are winding up their work in the city; in fact it is necessary that they have everything in shape for their final report to the District Census Supervisor next Tuesday, January 27. The enumerators in the rural districts have until Monday, February 2, in which to count the last person, farm, animal and the hundreds of other things that are listed for enumeration in their areas.

The last person in the city of Columbus was listed at the close of the day yesterday, each enumerator reporting that work in his or her ward was complete and all that remained was a little work on their reports and they will be forwarded Tuesday to Mr. Kincannon, Supervisor of the Census for the District.

Citizens who have had no enumerator call at their homes and are not certain that they have been enumerated should call the enumerator of their ward. It is true that some have been enumerated without their knowledge, the enumerator after calling at a house more than once is authorized to get the best information obtainable about the occupants from the nearest neighbor. So, in this way, a few have been enumerated without knowing it. But it would be well to be certain, as Columbus wants to be listed on official records with all the population she rates. Many government appropriations and all kinds of estimates are based on population, so this is important.

In order that citizens may know who the city enumerators are they are again listed: wards 1 and 2, W. W. Bush; ward 3, Jack Senter; ward 4, R. O. Vaughn, wards 5 and 6, Mrs. Alston.

While no information can be given out by the enumerators, figure jugglers have been trying to estimate the present population, most of them agreeing on 11000 as a conservative estimate.

Former official census figures show a steady growth of the city's population; in 1890 Columbus had 4,559, 6,484 in 1900, 8,988 in 1910 and in 1920—? But if the enumerators get them all listed we will probably know exactly in two weeks or a little longer.

## COMMANDERY ELECTS.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at the stated convocation of DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar No. 8, on Friday evening, January 23. They are as follows:

Charles C. Buder, Commander; William M. Horton, Generalissimo; John B. Williams, Capt. General; Wiley E. Eubanks, Senior Warden; Cicero L. Lincoln, Prelate; Frank C. Owen, Treasurer; Warren Alexander Deale, Recorder; Charlie O. Long, Standard Bearer; James W. Theford, Sword Bearer; George Mosby, Warden and Mike Kerby, Sentinel.

## WORLD INSURANCE RECORD.

The Life and Casualty Company of Nashville of which Mr. B. E. Seal is the local district superintendent, claims to hold the world's record for the gain in business during the past year. Mr. Seal is proud of the fact that his district played its part in this phenomenal growth statement of which appears in this issue of the Dispatch.

CITY PRIMARY  
ELECTION SET

CITY OFFICIALS WILL BE NOMINATED AT REGULAR PRIMARY.

## SET FOR APRIL 6

Mayor, Six Councilmen and School Trustees Will Be Nominated. Executive Committee Meets.

Tuesday, April 6, is the day set for the municipal primary. This was done at a meeting of the Municipal Democratic Committee last Wednesday afternoon at the City Hall at which the following members were present: T. J. Locke, president; George O. Senter, secretary; W. B. Harrington, Julius Marx, and J. H. Brickell.

A mayor, six councilmen and four public school trustees will be nominated at the primary on April 6, to serve for two years beginning January 1, 1921. All candidates for these offices must file with the secretary of the city executive committee a declaration of intention to be a candidate and pay a fee thirty days prior to the first primary. This makes it necessary for all names of candidates to be filed with the committee not later than March 6 next.

The following notice of election was issued by the committee in session Wednesday:

A Democratic primary is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 1920, in the Marshal's office at the City Hall for the purpose of nominating a mayor, six councilmen for the City of Columbus, Miss., and four school trustees for the Columbus School District. Candidates must announce and pay fee to secretary thirty days before election. Unless candidates file their names with the committee within the specified time, they will be ineligible to enter the election.

The following judges and clerks are named to serve at the coming primary: Judges, R. E. Mahon, J. M. Morgan and J. R. Randle; Clerks, F. D. Ellis and Henry Gunter.

T. J. LOCKE, Chairman.  
George O. Senter, Secretary.

## OFFICIAL RETURNS OF CHANCELLOR ELECTION.

Following are the official returns of the special election held on January 3, to select a Chancellor for the Sixth Judicial district of Mississippi, the position having been made vacant by the resignation of the Judge A. Y. Woodward:

	Guyton	Brantley
Attala	885	131
Carroll	232	56
Choctaw	204	122
Holmes	442	247
Kemper	232	251
Leake	406	266
Lowndes	285	132
Neshoba	456	758
Noxubee	169	167
Winston	186	648

TOTAL.....3497 2778  
Guyton Majority 719.

SOON READY TO BEGIN DRILLING  
FOR OIL. TRYING TO PROCURE CASING

Mr. M. H. Snodgrass, field representative of the Tombigbee Oil & Gas Company, is out of the city this week scouring the country for casing and other fittings and machinery necessary for the completion of the last details preparatory to beginning actual work of drilling for oil on the site southwest of Columbus some seven miles.

The big oil boom in recent months all over the country has caused so many new wells to be bored that manufacturers of this kind of machinery have been swamped with orders. So Mr. Snodgrass is having to hustle around to find what he wants. The finding of the necessary articles may lead him to Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, through Louisiana and back according to Mr. Sherrod, president of the company, but everything consistent with good business is being done in order to get the work going soon.

Already the derrick is up—one can see it on the place of Mr. Collier Hardy on the left of the Jackson Highway right at Bethel church. It is an imposing structure 80 feet high and substantial—well rather! It has

24,000 feet of timber in it and one piece alone contains more than 500 feet of lumber. Cables are all up and a big windlass is at the bottom to hoist and lower the drills and casings with the aid of the massive crane that stands out prominent as a part of the structure.

And when the coal is hauled and put into the firebox under the boilers and the engine gets going and the crane begins its pump-like motions up and down, up and down, and down to a depth of 4200 feet on its journey. A stream of liquid gold? Gee it takes ones breath away that imagination prospecting as one stands and gazes at the oil derrick right here in Lowndes county, Mississippi.

But to come out of it and get back to facts again. Every Saturday the directors together with the officials of the company, meet and discuss ways and means. Every phase of the situation is gone over and they report that the project is making ... in all lines.

Watch the Dispatch for up-to-the-minute news of the Tombigbee Oil and Gas Company operations.

THE KIND OF MAYOR CITY NEEDS  
SUBJECT OF SERMON HERE TONIGHT

"The service at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening," said Rev. Feltz, "will be of real interest to the general public. It will be a message by a man who has, and can have, no personal interest to conserve. His personal interest would perhaps be better conserved if he were blind to all that goes on around him, and dealt in platitudes, grunts and groans, a little ritualism, a little theology, a little poetry, a little select prose, mighty little Bible, and many hearty hand-shakes and smiles. He believes that a public office is a public trust, that ballots are much better than bullets, that petty politics disgrace many communities, making all but impossible the election of men who are really representative to any office of importance.

"More, he believes that the Mayor of any city is a looking glass, and many there be who dress before this mirror. More than all this, there comes an appeal from the Government of the United States to the clergy of the land to help in this time of need to the end that men be elected to office who respect their oath of office, who stand for law enforcement, and who are loyal to their Government.

To dismiss the matter by saying that such a need is not found in this part of the South is to beg the question and be blind to a real situation.

One speaker recently said to the D. A. R.'s of this city, she was a visiting woman of national reputation, that Columbus was rated as the second most immoral city in Mississippi. Is it true? If so has the clergy no place in the fight for morality? This pastor has no desire even to bask in the uncertain light of cheap sensationalism, or humiliate an intelligent constituency by burning sage grass, but when there is a real and apparent need he would deem himself a craven coward if he did not speak in no uncertain language to questions of vital importance to his people and the general public. It is a time for men who stand for common decency to stand together regardless of politics, regardless of petty alliances, or fear of losing a little trade. There is nothing personal in the message that will offend the most sensitive. There is enough dynamite to jar the complacency of the serenest stand-patter in Columbus. A service for every man who has the interest of his city at heart."